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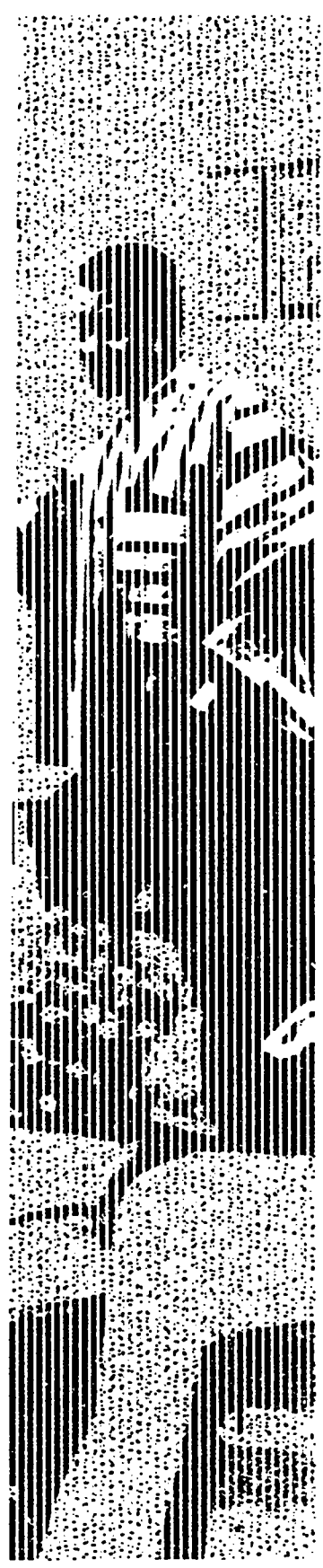
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The foreign curriculum consultants are professional educators from other countries, specialists in the language and culture of their homelands. Each represents a direct and authentic source of information about his country and his countrymen. The consultant is frequently the first person from his or her country or geographic

region whom the students and teachers in the American host institution have ever come in contact with personally.

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Further details on the administration of the program, particularly for those institutions interested in participating in it, will be found in the Introduction. Cumulative summaries of various aspects of the program will be found in the appendixes.

Our purpose in this publication is to show what a representative sample of Office of Education foreign curriculum consultants did in a typical academic year and thereby suggest what succeeding "generations" of them could do to help meet important educational needs in the United States. During the academic year that ended in June 1971, a total of 24 consultants worked with teachers, students, and administrators at all levels of the American educational system—particularly in elementary and secondary schools, but also in selected colleges and universities. Their qualifications were spec-

ified by the American educational institutions which asked for them, and they were carefully recruited from all over the world to carry out their respective assignments in strengthening American education. No two situations were the same; each reflected the individual differences of the consultants and the special needs and receptivity of the host institutions and the local settings.

Twelve of the 24, half of the group, were asked about their experiences as their periods of service drew to a close. Students, teachers, curriculum supervisors, and others familiar with each consultant's activities were also interviewed. The dozen accounts in the pages that follow reflect the recurring patterns in the program as well as its intrinsic diversity. The sample includes both male and female consultants, as well as a husband-and-wife team. It involves most regions of the world and of the United States, as well as several kinds of educational institutions.

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in the acquiring of insights that are helpful in helping cope with the great potential of ethnic diversity in our society. That the program is of benefit is also apparent in the view of American society and that the consultants gain during their stay in the United States and which enables them to interpret America to their friends and colleagues upon their return.

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visa, not an immigrant visa. In addition to these general qualifications, each consultant has the special qualifications requested by the American host institution in applying for a grant for the consultant's services. All grants for consultants are reviewed by the Board of Foreign Scholarships and made with its approval.

The Foreign Curriculum Consultant Program is a cost-sharing program between the host institution and the Office of Education. A new cost-sharing formula will take effect beginning in 1972-73. Generally speaking, under the new formula the Office of Education will provide the special costs involved in bringing a consultant from abroad (round trip air transportation for the consultant, additional baggage allowance, health and accident insurance, and certain dependency allowances). The host institution and the Office of Education will share equally the cost of the \$1,000 per month maintenance allowance which each consultant receives.

(Note: The maintenance and dependents' allowances are subject to Federal, State, and local income taxes, where applicable.) The host institution will provide any travel costs within the United States related to the consultant's assignment.

The availability of grants for the Foreign Curriculum Consultant Program is announced each year by an annually updated descriptive brochure, which also contains application instructions and an application format. The deadline for receipt of applications for the 1972-73 academic year is October 15, 1971. For further information, institutions wishing to apply for the services of a foreign curriculum consultant should contact:

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You're From Nigeria? Perhaps You Know My Cousin in Johannesburg

Southern California

"To the majority of people in the United States, the whole concept of Africa is that it is one little village," said a Nigerian, Asani Adeniyi Imam, to an American radio interviewer prior to returning to his homeland. Illustrating his point, he cited a typical query: "I hear you are from Nigeria. I have a cousin in Johannesburg; do you know him?"

"When you think of Africa, what do you picture in your mind?" For 8 months, Mr. Imam asked this question of American teachers and students from elementary schools, high schools, and colleges. Answers ranged from jungles to lions, bizarre natives to bone-crushing snakes lurking in the trees.

The 35-year-old scholar would catalog these various misconceptions about his native land with calm restraint, interjecting the truth in reply. "We do have jungles . . . but we also have deserts, grasslands, and skyscrapers. In fact, there are parts of our continent that are covered with snow year round."

The problem of understanding Africa reminded him of the blind men who went to the zoo to find out what an elephant is. "One of the blind men touched only the tail and went away with the idea that an elephant was like a banana leaf. Another touched the leg and concluded that an elephant was like the trunk of a tree. The last one, who touched only the side, was convinced there was a big similarity between a wall and an elephant." None of them, concluded Asani, gained the slightest comprehension of the totality of the elephant.

He listened. He talked. He read. This was why he had come. This was his mission.

Asani, as he was soon known to his American colleagues, came to southern California in October 1971 under the Office of Education's Foreign Curriculum Consultant Program to offer a true perspective of his part of the world.

Maintaining an office at the University of Southern California, he was to divide his services between the USC campus and schools and groups of teachers at every academic level in the four counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino.

The head of one of the most important colleges of education in Nigeria, came to set up guidelines for the selection of materials to be used in classes about Africa. He found that as many as 90 percent of the books being used for study were "biased and inaccurate." In his 28-page curriculum guide prepared for southern California's schools, the African blamed this historical distortion on a variety of social factors. "After finding the original sources of information about Africa which were available to the missionaries with their Western eyes . . . we were shocked by African colonialism and cooperativeness. They, too, thought that the Africans were people who were not to be trusted."

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Asani emphasized that educators, in evaluating any material on Africa for classroom use, should carefully ask: "Who is speaking? To what time in history is the writer or speaker referring? With what part of Africa is the material concerned? Is the material relevant?" He prepared his own bibliography. After being read, analyzed, and recommended by Asani, over 70 books were accepted for classroom use in California schools.

Under the direction of John Carpenter, Asani's activities at USC were designed to augment the multicultural curriculum at the Center of International Education. As a guest lecturer in the department of sociological and philosophical foundations, he made special presentations to classes studying African culture and assisted instructors in developing their units. The cultural problems of college students became "his personal burden" when he had occasion to talk and work with young people from Nigeria.

Equally at home in a typical Western business suit or his national dress, Asani was no stranger to America. In 1966, he graduated from Ohio University and was awarded his master's degree from the same institution the following year. He felt that his firsthand knowledge of the American educational system was a definite asset in his efforts to teach about his own continent. "While in Ohio, I took a course called 'The Study of Africa,' and I more or less restructured what I thought the curriculum should be as far as the teaching of Africa is concerned."

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were workshops for enlightening but his goal was always to dispel simplistic, erroneous views of Africa. Some aspects of civil problems in the United States and misconceptions about African culture that "probably have to do with the frustration felt by Americans in their search for a culture with which they can identify themselves."

Asani also conducted a series of sessions with American teachers who participated in the 1969 and 1970 institutes in West Africa sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education. He prepared facts, slides, movies, and documents, and many other materials for the schools' inventory of African material, identifying those that did not represent today's Africa. In the continuation of this process he noted that those who went to Africa and brought home the strange customs, clothing, poorly carved objects, trinkets, and pictures of human life from local markets, neglecting to understand determined human behavior.

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Asani traveled and observed, spending 1 or 2 weeks in many school districts from the vast metropolitan areas in the Los Angeles basin to the rural tourist villages in the San Bernardino Mountains. He described his role with modest simplicity. "I have been involved in all sorts of work—reviewing textbooks, previewing films, developing videotapes for use in the schools, and meeting with curriculum planners. But mostly, I try to talk to school superintendents and conduct inservice seminars for teacher groups. I just talk to them about Africa and try to get them to see beyond the stereotypes."

On a typical day in the local communities Asani might be found in a classroom when school started, later participating in the principal's meeting, a community luncheon, more classroom activities, and finally in meetings with educators until the school day was over.

"I worked hard," Asani said. But there was always time for students, showing films and slides, and talking about his home. His student discussions were often with 4th- to 6th-graders involved in the study of Africa. He preferred using the question-answer technique in the elementary classroom, shunning the formality of lectures. Sometimes he asked the questions and answered them. But questions came freely from the students, too.

Youngsters everywhere asked what schools were like in Africa. "Schooling in Africa is a difficult task," Asani replied. "There are 7 primary grades, followed by an examination. The latter determines whether the student continues into high school, enters a teacher's college, or attends a technical school," his answer began.

He was constantly asked questions about himself. "I am a Moslem," Asani would say. "Do you know what that means? How many of you are Christians? Some Nigerians are also Christians, including my wife."

Often, within minutes the discussion would center on polygamy: its purpose, its assets, and its "headaches." "Before a Moslem can consider more than one wife," Asani explained, "he must first consider if he can support an additional member in his household."

Although Asani does not practice polygamy, he is well versed in the subject, having been raised in a Moslem family. In fact, the word "Imam," his last name, is a term traditionally meaning the "religious leader."

His activities in California included numerous talks to American secondary students on major topics, ranging from "Religions in Africa" to "An African Nation's Relationship to the Rest of the World." Dwight Lewis, curriculum director for the San Bernardino County Office of Education and Asani's project coordinator there, said, "No matter what topic was requested, he was as natural with it as if it were his specific field of study."

During his stay in southern California, Asani captivated adult groups with the same warmth he radiated in the classroom. Men's service clubs usually gathered to hear about economics or the political situation in each country in Africa. On the other hand, always asked about the status of women in the African continent. One fallacy that Asani found prevalent in the nonacademic community concerned the use of Swahili. "The truth," he said, "is that 25 million Africans speak Swahili while another 15 million use Yoruba. The most common language in African schools and the government is English."

Wherever Asani spoke, audiences listened to him enthusiastically, Lewis said. He made references to "his intelligence, his sensitivity to issues, and ability to un-

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Although Asani does not practice polygamy, he is well versed in the subject, having been raised in a Moslem family. In fact, the word "Imam," his last name, is a term traditionally meaning the "religious leader."

His activities in California included numerous talks to American secondary school students on major topics, ranging from "Religions in Africa" to "An Emerging Nation's Relationship to the Modern World." Dwight Lewis, curriculum director for the San Bernardino County Schools Department and Asani's project coordinator there, said, "No matter what topic was requested, he was as natural with it as if it were his specific field of study."

During his stay in southern California, Asani captivated adult groups with the same warmth he radiated in the classroom. Men's service clubs usually wanted to hear about economics or the political situation in each country in Africa. Women, on the other hand, always asked about the status of women in the African society. One fallacy that Asani found prevalent in the nonacademic community concerned the use of Swahili. "The truth," he said, "is that 25 million Africans speak Hausa, while another 15 million use Yoruba. But the most common language in Nigerian schools and the government is English."

Wherever Asani spoke, audiences heard him enthusiastically, Lewis said. Listeners made references to "his intelligence, sensitivity to issues, and ability to understand

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problems from the American perspective.” But more importantly, students “turned on” and “tuned in” to what he had to say.

In less than a school year, his direct impact on the social studies structure in the four counties had been felt by an estimated 77,000 instructors and well over 2 million students in 2,490 schools.

Project participants had become his friends, and their children his admirers. Many had opened their homes to him during district visits. It was hard to say goodbye, but Asani was not allowed to leave without a “good, old-fashioned picnic,” hosted by Lewis and his family at a Redlands, Calif., community park. Asani decided that the backyard barbecue is one American tradition that should be introduced in Nigeria.

Just before Asani left the United States, he was asked; “Do you think this visit to the United States and the work you have been doing will result in an evolution or a revolution in the way Americans are thinking in regard to the African and his continent?”

“There is no doubt about that,” Asani replied, “I can already see the results. Changes have begun to take place.”

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Dear Dr. Yajnik:

We appreciated having you come all the way from India to share what you know about your native country. We enjoyed the slides and especially Shil and her dancing. The Indian dances were graceful and special and our class was fascinated by them. We appreciated your concern for our learning more about India.

Your friends,
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A Beautiful Insight

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That task was undertaken and H. Richard Knippel, social studies specialist for the Bucks County school system and its coordinator for international education, was satisfied with the outcome. "I don't think we have ever done anything that has been so successful. It has brought students together; it has brought schools together. Schools are really cooperating as a result of this venture."

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A 2d-grader pushed deeper into the gathering circle of his peers and blurted out another question.

"Why are Indian people thin-looking? Can't they eat cows?"

Another voice: "Are there cowboys in India?"

With infinite patience, Dr. Yajnik answered the youngsters' questions as directly and gently as he had done only minutes earlier when he spoke to the first 3 grades at Snyder Elementary School in Bristol, Pa.

I think I succeeded in erasing misconceptions and prejudices about India. Children sometimes came over to me after a talk and asked questions that had not been answered in the regular question-and-answer period. The pattern of Indian culture is different and that means it is reflected in the way we practice our religion, in our family life, and in attitudes to things, animals, and people. All this is very difficult for the children to understand. Children and even adults ask me why we don't eat cows in India, although we are having a food problem. I tried to answer in terms they understood. Just as they have a pet and do not eat pets, the cow is my pet. The cow is respected in Indian life because most of Indian life is agricultural and the cow is necessary for that life. The old agricultural economy of India was based on the cow.

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Dr. Yajnik was often accompanied by his lovely daughter, Shil, who danced for the students and answered questions about her colorful Indian costumes and jewelry. They brought with them a comprehensive collection of dolls in native Indian garb which was displayed on stage or in the classroom. During the "Indian Day" celebrations held at many schools, Mrs. Yajnik joined her husband and daughter in cooking demonstrations of Indian foods and general conversation about women in Indian society.

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His overall critique of a book being used in Bucks County schools says, in part:

While the book is very beautifully printed with excellent illustrations and written in simple language, nowhere is there a mention of the purpose of the book or the audience for which it was written. What is more important, however, is that the book is a descriptive account and does not bring out in clear relief the heritage these people of India and South Asia are proud of, or the problems they are facing today. . . . A mere descriptive study, I believe, fails in its purpose of educating the reader.

A chapter-by-chapter review accompanies the general introductory comments. .

He also reviewed slides and films as well as the social studies teaching syllabus, always supplementing material with his own knowledge of various aspects of Indian life and religion.

The Indian educator preferred to approach Indian studies through social studies, not economic plans, geography, or politics. "I found that children are more interested in daily Indian life, family life, how other children grow up, how women behave, than in India's foreign policy. Specific problems like trade or politics can be saved until later, in high school and college."

How did the schools respond to Dr. Yajnik's efforts? Reports sent to Knippel provide the answer.

"We never dictate to an individual school what materials it should use," said Knippel. "However, in every instance that I know of the people were very eager to get Dr. Yajnik's reviews and are following his recommendations and suggestions.

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Knippel was impressed by the teachers' increased sensitivity. Deciding that he would do all he could to enlarge the number of teachers exposed to such experiences, he collaborated fully with his colleagues in Bucks County in developing a project which would have 24 elementary teachers participating in a 2-month program in India during the summer of 1971, arranged by the American Association of School Administrators. Reviewed, approved, and financially supported by the U.S. Office of Education, the project is expected to strengthen the world cultures curriculum of Bucks County's schools.

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"Until I came here, I thought we were given just a little more money than Americans have, I will work on education. Then, suddenly, I saw much money, more of it, and yet the problems of education. Teacher training in general is like those in India. I would say the key to education is in selecting teachers and training them. It is not in buildings or more equipment in the new programs that are being started. There must be quality in the

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Dr. Yajnik believes there is too much standardization in education.

There ought to be more informality. There is too much administration and too little education. The schools have become more like business offices or factories. There should be more informal places for relationships between pupil and teacher. I would say American schools are too organized.

Education should start with a small manageable school, not to exceed 1,000 in total enrollment, where every teacher knows not only every pupil's name but also his socioeconomic background. Then it becomes immaterial if you are sitting under a tree as they do in my country, or if you have a building or just a roof. It is the imagination and quality of the teacher that works the wonder in education.

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"In Bucks County I gained a deeper understanding of the ways children learn. I had worked only with Indian children in my country. Now I have worked with American children, too, and college students. I have a beautiful insight into the workings of the human mind—not just the Indian mind or the American mind, but the human mind."

THE CARIBBEAN

We Needed
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Massachusetts

The offspring of three colleges and a university which for a century have comprised western Massachusetts's intellectual response to the Boston-Cambridge brain belt 90 miles away, Hampshire College opened in September 1970, on a high meadow and woodlands overlooking the rural Connecticut River Valley, in the town of Amherst, Mass.

"Do your own thing. Experiment. Innovate. Show us better ways to teach," Hampshire College was told from its first breath by those who gave it life—Amherst College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, and the University of Massachusetts, which have a combined total of 20,000 students clustered along 10 miles of the Connecticut River's shores.

That's quite a burden at birth. But Hampshire exuberantly responded and from its beginning has "done its own thing," including the creation of a curriculum which would complement as much as possible those at the nearby, founding institutions.

Included in its curriculum is a Caribbean Area studies program, the first for the Connecticut River Valley colleges, three

of which were founded before the Civil War. There were Latin American study programs, but all were weak on the Caribbean.

"There had been a strong desire for such a program in the valley," explained David Matz, assistant to the president, assistant professor of law and assistant dean with special responsibility for Caribbean studies. "This resulted from the strong feeling that the United States, in many ways—by its foreign policy, its educational institutions, and its popular attitudes—simply ignored the Caribbean, except as a sort of playland for tourists. And it is obvious and easy to document how suicidal that kind of attitude is. Most people in the United States haven't taken that area seriously as a field of academic study, so Americans are quite uninformed about it."

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Seepersad's primary role was to educate the administration and faculty "so we can pick up the momentum in advising and counseling students after he leaves," Matz added. "The idea is to build up a cadre here of people with a commitment to the Caribbean." Such a cadre has been built. Seepersad was the builder. Combining resourcefulness with energy, intelligence, vision, and awareness of the needs of both the young college and the young nation which is his home, Seepersad, like Hampshire itself, has been a trailblazer.

What has the curriculum consultant done for the college, and how has he done it?

First, from Matz:

He produced materials, historical studies, primary source documents, and publications. Getting hold of such materials is one of the toughest things about studying the Caribbean. They are either nonexistent, available only locally and not in other countries, in the wrong language from our standpoint, or very difficult to come by. After all, you are dealing with quite a number of nations. And they were colonial countries until a decade ago. And the colonial powers had a very narrow view of what constituted good history. Since they

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"The cabinet," he said, "contains the raw material for what someday will be a voluminous, complete, and up-to-date library of where Connecticut Valley people should go, whom they should see, how they should comport themselves, how they

could expect to be received when they go to the Caribbean on an academic mission."

As of May 1971, 12 of the 268 members of Hampshire's first class had visited the Caribbean, six of them on separate individual study programs, which are encouraged at Hampshire. Six others attended a spring festival at the University of the West Indies campus at Cave Hill, Barbados, establishing a link between the two colleges. And two faculty members from the valley's schools, an anthropologist and a librarian, made field trips into the Caribbean. All the trips were made after consultation with Seepersad and use of his extensive knowledge of the people, the customs, and the intellectual opportunities of the islands. Many other students and faculty members from Hampshire and the other four colleges in the area tapped Seepersad's barrel of Caribbean information for projects which did not require trips to the area.

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Although Kenrick Seepersad went to Hampshire primarily as a consultant and had no classes scheduled the first semester, the students asked him to teach one. So a course in the economics of the Caribbean was taught by him in the spring of 1971.

Most of his time was spent in his office consulting with teachers from one of the five colleges in the valley, or telephoning or writing people in Boston and elsewhere, on projects related to the Caribbean.

"Every day has been different," Seepersad said as his assignment drew to a close, "every week full."

He would miss Hampshire College, he admitted, the friendliness of Amherst (where he resided with his wife, Ula, and their 5-year-old daughter Joy), and the intellectual challenges of the valley.

The valley would miss him, too, while remembering his significant help in enabling Hampshire College to undertake a new field of study wanted and needed throughout the areas.

"Are we going to miss him!" said Matz, indicating the answer was obvious. "We're going to die without him. Having him here for only a year was nowhere near long enough."

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The Real Thing

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"Are you a real live African lady?" asks an incredulous 5th-grader, coming close enough to touch her.

It's a strange question to ask a lady, but this epitomized the misconceptions Mrs. Adeola Adejunmobi Adegbite constantly tried to overcome during her 10-month stay in Memphis as foreign curriculum consultant at Memphis State University. Not only did Mrs. Adegbite, a Nigerian, have to call on a vast supply of knowledge about her homeland; she also had to use a bit of mass psychology in adjusting to the diversity of the groups she addressed—groups which ranged from elementary school children to church and civic leaders.

Talking openly, freely, and intelligently, on a person-to-person level, Mrs. Adegbite made a marked impression on the people she worked with.

She arrived in Memphis on September 10, 1970. Invited by the Tennessee State Department of Education and sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education, she came prepared with a background that included a master's degree from Columbia University in New York, earned 20 years previously, and a perfect command of the English language. Her academic credentials, merged with a lifelong accumulation

of personal knowledge about Africa—its people, places, customs, and particularly, its modern outlook and future—made her a sought-after speaker.

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"Sometimes I had problems with the children when I first went into the classroom," admitted Mrs. Adegbite. As principal of a secondary girls school in Lagos, however, she is quite familiar with problems of adolescents. Discipline, therefore, was not an important obstacle in her path. Stereotypes were. Even though one group of blacks accused her of being part of the

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white establishment, sent to keep them from knowing what Africa is really like, she persisted in chipping away the fictions about that vast, varied continent. "Much of what is known about Africa has come from the movies—jungles, wild animals, and Tarzan." The Tarzan syndrome is less prevalent now, thanks to her work.

She addressed a meeting of the American Association of University Women. They were cordial. They asked questions. One of the women asked Mrs. Adegbite about her background.

She replied that she had a master's degree in education from Columbia, and her husband had a Ph.D. "The only sound that could be heard in the room was a sharp intake of breath," laughed Mus-Kelley, recalling a scene that was repeated many times.

To a person familiar with the "modernness" of Africa, hearing the questions Mrs. Adegbite was constantly asked might have been embarrassing. After all, she seemed above the question-and-answer level of some discussions. "I can't tell you much about tigers, madam. There are none in Africa."

She was not deferential. Having received part of her higher education here 20 years ago, she was able to appreciate the impediments to understanding she continued to encounter. "It isn't that the educational system has made a conscious effort to withhold information," she said. "Many

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"I have found it very pleasant, and I have been surprised by my acceptance everywhere," says Mrs. Adegbite, who shares an apartment in the faculty and married students' housing at Memphis State with her 10-year-old son, Debo, a student at Memphis State's Campus School. Two other children were attending Georgetown College in Kentucky, where her husband was a foreign curriculum consultant 3 years ago.

Mrs. Adegbite's rounds of the area included a 2-room schoolhouse in Henry County, Tenn., schools in the State capital, and over 50 schools in Memphis. The number of visits to schools alone, for just the first semester, totaled 78.

"She has been kept busier than any of the other international people we've had here," said Odessa Myers, an instructional supervisor with the Memphis school system, who coordinated her visits in the Memphis schools, "because there is widespread interest in Africa and because less is known about Africa than about any other area. She has had an extremely successful program. It has made many of the high schools want to go more deeply into African studies. In the elementary schools,

children have continued projects on Africa started with the inspiration of Mrs. Adegbite's visits."

Most of the students, even the younger ones, wrote her letters of thanks for what she taught them. Perhaps the children expressed it best.

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"Sure, we still have some jungles and backward people in Africa," she told them. "But you still have Indians here who live on reservations and practice traditional ceremonies. In Nigeria, it is the same way. The uneducated ones are everywhere, but the primitive ones are in the minority."

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"What has satisfied me most is that I have shown that Africans aren't different people. Some of the things we do there may seem silly to people here, but if you look closely, there is a reason for what we do. People are people," she said, with a positive force in her voice. "We will appreciate other people only when we know and understand them. Through appreciation there will be love. We want to be friends. We need to understand."

Mrs. Adegbite's simple philosophy and belief in the importance of understanding guided her through many months in Memphis. Every group had its own attractions for her; the common denominator was a desire to know about Africa.

One of Mrs. Adegbite's specific tasks was to evaluate textbook material, which she found insufficient and outdated at both the elementary and high school levels. "They talk about Africa at the time of the aborigines." To help correct deficiencies, she made a 30-minute documentary for the educational television station in Memphis and undertook the preparation of a booklet compiled from questions asked by children during her visits.

Her Africa is not a superstition-laden jungle. It is a continent of large bustling cities, where the children attend school, where many women do their shopping in supermarkets and take their clothes to a laundry. When Tarzan films are shown in movie houses and on TV, the audiences laugh and laugh.

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Westchester County New York

To a teacher in the Westchester County, N.Y., school system, Jonathan Gustavus Edowu Hyde was the "greatest thing that ever happened to us." The opinion was shared by American children who hovered in admiration around this talented educator from Sierra Leone, firing questions at him about life in Africa.

His American project coordinator received continuing "excellent reports" from educators throughout the county. A curriculum studies director has dozens of reports on the "great contribution" this African consultant made to the African studies program in the school district. A director of instruction decided that of Mr. Hyde's many accomplishments "the most significant" has been the way he spun the theme of the "universality of man and cultural similarities" into all classroom and public discussions.

Such were the reactions addressed to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, one of 53 in New York State designed to supplement regular public education for some 53,000 Westchester students. This able man from the Institute of African

Studies, Fourah Bay College, Mount Aureol, Freetown, Sierra Leone, was headquartered at BOCES #2, as it is nicknamed.

Mr. Hyde served as the African studies consultant at the Port Chester head office, traveling to more than 20 schools and reaching teachers and students at all grade levels.

He evaluated existing African studies programs; assessed and recommended specific textbook, bibliographic, library, and instructional materials; and worked with children in the classroom. He also spoke to teachers and other groups and participated in regional and national workshops on education and social problems. He survived innumerable demands on his time, always with good will, humor, and a smile.

From the day he reported to the office of Martin O'Neil, assistant superintendent for curriculum and research in BOCES #2, who also served as his project coordinator, Mr. Hyde was fully occupied. He was perfect for the job.

O'Neil pointed to Mr. Hyde's "tremendous background as an individual and an educator." The African holds a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from the University of Leicester in England and a mas-

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taken pictures of African life for 20 years—the countryside, the people in the street, traditional places, chiefs in towns, life in schools, my family, universities, weddings—selecting scenes of interest to Americans. I set out to give them some idea of the broad spectrum of life in Africa, as well as in my country, Sierra Leone.”

His chief aim was to correct the one-sided image of Africa portrayed through the popular media. “The least technologically advanced or more sensational aspects of African life were often used in contrast with the most technologically developed life in the Western world.”

In every instance Mr. Hyde gave students in the classroom “a basic introduction to Africa, to destroy myths that not only children but adults have, visualizing Africa as a vast jungle full of animals. They were surprised to hear that I got my first view of wild animals in a zoo in West Germany in 1957, and that I saw more lions in California than I saw my entire life in Africa.”

He tackled another myth, “that all Africa is peopled just by blacks. We have a great variety of people. It often comes as a shock to both black and white Americans to realize there are so many people on the African continent who are not black. Also, they seem surprised to learn that you can be black and yet ethnically very different from other black people.”

He also corrected the prevalent concept that Africa “is a new continent discovered a few hundred years ago,” when in fact it has been of great historical importance for centuries.

Mr. Hyde recalled a school he recently visited “where many children of professional people go. I showed these children pictures of typical Africans of today. There was an appreciative silence as I pointed to an African architect, a civil engineer, a mining engineer, a telecommunications expert, and a vice president of a company.”

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The feeling was reciprocated. Mr. Hyde, who was especially impressed by the Dobbs Ferry 5th- and 6th-grade children, said, “They were well primed by the time I got on Africa before I went there. I was on the ball from the word go. The groups didn’t give me a chance to give my slide presentation before they asked me questions at me. Good questions. He was generally delighted by the penetrating inquiries of Westchester County people about his African work. He was impressed by the sophistication of the Americans in districts such as Yonkers, Chelle, Rye Neck, Valhalla, and Westchester. He fully credited the teachers

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Preparation of teachers is "a most important thing," Mr. Hyde believes. "Teachers must have the right insight on Africa. You can only show them how, then they must get the right training. They don't necessarily need to go to Africa, though that is helpful. They can find the right learning materials right in this country."

He directed American teachers to training programs planned by the private, non-profit African American Institute and such American universities as UCLA (his alma mater), Boston University, Columbia, Northwestern, and many others. He recommended summer courses, especially for black teachers "who don't always have the money to go." He provided leads to possible sources of financial support and circulated a list of special summer courses open to teachers in African countries.

Mr. Hyde met "ill-prepared" American teachers as well as "some very competent ones." While praising African experts at major U.S. universities, he cautioned against a tendency "to concentrate too much on the political, on what newspapers say about Africa. It is important to point out the gaps in their knowledge."

One of the main concepts Mr. Hyde managed to get across to Westchester teachers and students alike, in the opinion of Joseph Ventura, director of instruction

at Tuckahoe High School, was the similarity among people all over the world, in cultures and in human needs, no matter where they live.

The Sierra Leone educator saw a distinct advantage in coming from abroad to advise Americans. "A person should know not only about his own country and other parts of his continent, and about the United States in advance, but also have a world view. I have been very lucky and find this of immense value. I have been fortunate in the amount of travel I have done, in Europe, much of Africa, and the United States."

He tried to "tie everything up in a historical sense; to give real continuity to human history; to show students and teachers that because at one particular time a particular area of the world was the hub of civilization, that does not mean nothing existed before or nothing came after. I take them back to China and India. For example, I recently had an opportunity in a class to describe an exhibition I saw in Essen, Germany, which showed 5,000 years of Indian art, and they were not crude objects either."

He used what he called "a new ploy" explanation of African customs and traditions such as the 'Bar Mitzvah'—the break from boyhood to manhood—an important 'rite de passage.' "The Jews have kept the tradition alive, he notes,

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Ellen found that a lapse of more than 10 years between high school graduation and her freshman year of college involved a more difficult transition than expected, particularly when it came to learning Spanish.

Hugo W. Vivanco, a visiting curriculum consultant in the foreign languages department at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill., was quick to offer Ellen a helping hand and provide the expertise to get her over the rough spots in the early days of her spring semester course in beginning Spanish.

Along with diligently completed homework, Ellen's tutoring sessions during the day with Professor Vivanco promptly enabled her to grasp the fundamentals of Vivanco's native language, as well as an "A" average in her Spanish course.

Ellen was one beneficiary; there were others. Students and faculty colleagues alike quickly learned of the Chilean's genuine willingness to help whenever and wherever he felt his experience and knowledge could be applied. According to the school newspaper and local news media, university students lost little time in tak-

ing advantage of his "open door" office hours policy.

"I came to Millikin to aid in evaluating the Latin American studies curriculum and making recommendations in areas I felt might be improved," Professor Vivanco said. "It was a rewarding experience. The discussions with my Millikin faculty colleagues were beneficial—I hope for them as well as for me. My reception by students and the contact I had with them, both in and out of the classroom, was intellectually exciting and at times truly challenging."

Stephen Dodge of Millikin's history department, who invited Professor Vivanco to his classes as a lecturer, cited the advantages of having a visiting professor from Chile speak on various aspects of life in Chile and Latin America:

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In addition to lecturing in several courses and Spanish classes, and his own interdisciplinary course, Vivanco was actively engaged in reaching out to school and community groups, a central Illinois community college, and to audiences in small towns. He also accepted invitations to give small group discussions in the Millikin faculty members' lounge, and his schedule included regular participation in luncheon meetings of the Spanish Club, where majors in this language often had their conversations entirely in Spanish.

Applying his expertise—gained from 15 years' experience on the faculty of the University of Chile in Antofagasta, where he was chairman of the department of languages—Professor Vivanco recorded Spanish tapes for use in the university's language laboratory and prepared two 30-minute recordings on Chilean folk music. He also prepared a slide presentation of an overview of his native land.

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Professor Vivanco's purpose in the Latin American studies program at Millikin was described by Malcolm H. Forbes, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who introduced him to the faculty:

We are indeed grateful to have Mr. Vivanco join us as a teaching faculty member and a consultant, and look forward to his enriching of our understanding of life in Latin America. The opportunity to benefit from his outstanding educational background and experiences is great.

Many students and faculty members at Millikin will readily testify that Professor Vivanco fulfilled that potential.

His work with Millikin's Latin American studies program represented only about one-third of his activities in this country. His assignment in the United States resulted from a plan submitted to the Office of Education by three member institutions of the Central States College Association (CSCA), to obtain the services of an outstanding educator from a Latin American country who could assist them in developing Latin American studies programs. In addition to his work at Millikin, Professor Vivanco spent the fall semester of 1970 at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and the spring semester of 1971 at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill.

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"There is in America an unbalanced stress on things European—but there is a gradual swaying toward the East. In my little way, I am hoping to help swing the pendulum in this direction." In these words, Yu Kwang-Chung, internationally known Chinese poet, scholar, and associate professor of English at National Taiwan Normal University, summed up what he hoped he achieved during his 2 years as foreign curriculum consultant for Temple Buell College in Denver and for the Colorado State Department of Education.

Tributes to his accomplishments and to the increasing interest in China that he generated were voiced in myriad ways by fellow educators, administrators, students, and the public at large, not only in the sprawling Denver metropolitan area but also in remote communities dotting the plains and the higher reaches of the Rocky Mountains.

According to David Yu, professor of Asian studies and director of the Temple Buell College Asian studies program:

Because of K. C. Yu, we were able to offer classes in the Chinese language for the first time. As a specialist in both Chinese and English literature, he was able to make a key contribution to the teaching of works by Chinese authors. He made Chinese language tapes which will be used here in the future. He helped us acquire books, slides, reproductions, and artifacts dealing with Chinese literature, language, and art. And he was a major factor in the establishment of Temple Buell's new Center in Taipei as part of the school's Study Abroad Program.

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Leonard Krimm, a consultant who accompanied Professor Yu to an Instructional Improvement Association meeting in Colorado's more remote southwest mountain area, called the San Juan Basin, said faculty and administrators were clearly impressed by K.C.'s talk about education in Taiwan and his views of education in the United States. "Then he recited some poetry for them and put it to chant. His audience was spellbound," Krimm said. He noted that the Chinese professor had a similar "marked effect" when he spoke to high school and junior high groups.

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In Salida, situated in the central Colorado Rockies, Professor Yu, accompanied by consultant Marvin Eakes, discussed methods of teaching social studies in Taiwan and exchanged ideas with the teachers there. "He also addressed a teachers' meeting after school," Eakes said, "and it was obvious they began to realize how privileged they were to meet, firsthand, a person of K.C.'s stature and prestige."

Consultant Betty Gibson spoke for the State Department of Education personnel who had contact with Professor Yu: "All of us benefited from knowing him—he was an inspiration we won't forget."

Professor Yu spent a full day at the U.S. Air Force Academy, accepting an invitation of the Academy's English department and Chinese language class. He lectured to the cadets on modern Chinese literature, dined with the staff, and spent the remaining hours in fruitful informal discussions with students.

K.C. also spoke to church groups, service organizations such as the Rotary Club, and various women's organizations, and read his own poetry on television in Denver.

The respected writer feels that in America "there is a growing interest in things Asian, especially Chinese." He contrasted this with what he observed during his previous visits to the United States in 1958-59, when he obtained a degree at the State University of Iowa, and in 1964-66, when

he returned to the United States as visiting professor on campuses in Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and New York.

"I find this renewed attraction of Chinese culture among American youth quite heartening," he said, citing, as more obvious examples, students' interest in "Tai-chi-chuan, an exercise with philosophical interpretation; the philosophy of Taoism, which advocates nonstrife, living in harmony with nature, and freedom of mind; and affection for Chinese poetry."

K.C. Yu's far-reaching influence at Temple Buell College—and the Denver metropolitan community at large—was stressed by his colleagues and by the college president. Dumont F. Kenny, head of the 4-year liberal arts college, whose student body numbers about a thousand girls representing nearly all the 50 States and several foreign countries, stressed Yu's contributions as an outstanding educator, poet, and artist. "Professor Yu added to the value of his campus contributions by giving public lectures on Chinese culture, language, and art. He has been a catalyst in the establishment of the school's new center in Taipei, where he will serve as resident director for us," Kenny said.

Under its Study Abroad Program, Temple Buell operates centers in Vienna, Madrid, and Geneva. The new Taipei Center, the first in Asia to be sponsored by any

college in the Rocky Mountain provide an Asian dimension.

Charles M. Rich, foreign consultant project director at the humanities division, credited "with launching a new direct East Asian studies program Buell."

From our previous emphasis on the humanities, K.C. began to generate a sense of our need to develop a program of serious commitment to instruction in languages as part of it. Better understanding of Asian culture requires knowledge of the languages involved; otherwise, it's like standing outside looking through a window.

It was exciting and stimulating for students to have had direct contact with one of China's top poets from the students' perspective of China, not only its traditional culture. The powerful component, yet K.C. gives students a glimpse of a vigorous, alive, contemporary Chinese scene. We know, for instance, that he was a member of the poetry society, that he was a recipient of the Annual Poetry Prize by the Commission of Writers and Artists, that he was an editor and art critic as well as a translator, and that he was one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Republic of China in 1966.

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ing professor on campuses in Illinois,
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nese culture among American youth quite
heartening," he said, citing, as more ob-
vious examples, students' interest in "Tai-
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which advocates nonstrife, living in har-
mony with nature, and freedom of mind;
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Temple Buell College—and the Denver
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the 4-year liberal arts college, whose stu-
dent body numbers about a thousand girls
representing nearly all the 50 States and
several foreign countries, stressed Yu's
contributions as an outstanding educator,
poet, and artist. "Professor Yu added to
the value of his campus contributions by
giving public lectures on Chinese culture,
language, and art. He has been a catalyst
in the establishment of the school's new
center in Taipei, where he will serve as
resident director for us," Kenny said.

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ple Buell operates centers in Vienna, Ma-
drid, and Geneva. The new Taipei Center,
the first in Asia to be sponsored by any

college in the Rocky Mountain region, will
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Charles M. Rich, foreign curriculum
consultant project director and head of
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"with launching a new direction to our
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tion of Writers and Artists, that he's an
editor and art critic as well as poet and
translator, and that he was chosen as one
of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the
Republic of China in 1966.*

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Colorado

And even though the Chinese language seems so different from ours, students' contact with K.C. makes them realize millions of people use this language every day—and somehow learning it seems not quite so impossible.

Daniel Lovelace, assistant professor of political science, shared with K.C. Yu the responsibility for special orientation courses being given to the students who will study in Taipei. "K.C. made an enormous contribution to the Temple Buell campus," he said, by generating "much interest in East Asian affairs through a wide variety of activities." Lovelace paused while enumerating Yu's activities, as if awed by the immensity of the contributions the foreign consultant made. "K.C. left us a rich cultural legacy, and our task is to build on it."

Although a major portion of Professor Yu's time was spent at Temple Buell, his impact extended to the University of Colorado campus at nearby Boulder, where he assisted his friend Daniel Yang of the drama department in preparing the English libretto of a Chinese opera. Two busloads of students and faculty from Denver enjoyed the presentation.

He was also a guest of the Chinese Language and Culture Club, sponsored by Mrs. C. Han Yang, instructor in Chinese language in the University of Colorado's department of Oriental languages and literature.

"Even I had never heard chanting of classical Chinese poetry before, although I was born on the China mainland," says Mrs. Yang, "The students were keenly interested in this chanting, which is almost a dying art, and one of the instructors in the philosophy department asked Professor Yu for additional programs on chanting. Yu agreed to give six seminar-like sessions. He came to Boulder three times, and we went to his home in Denver three times. We taped his chanting so students could study it. After the sixth session, I heard my students actually learning to follow him.

"The sessions turned out to be a kind of cultural exchange," she continued. "More and more students became interested. Then one of our professors asked Yu to speak before classes in Boulder's Free School. He prepared poems, translated them, explained them, and related their content to Chinese philosophy and culture. Participation reached an even broader spectrum of students than we have on the campus.

"I guess," said Mrs. Yang in summary, "you might say China was 'invisible' before to our students until they got to know personally this poet and scholar, who sharpened our interest and made our China studies seem more real and significant. He had an enriching influence on all of us."

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More Than a Name on the Map

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David Akintola came to Tacoma to talk about "human geography." His purpose, as he saw it, was to get people to look at another country, in this case, Nigeria, in human terms—what is planted and harvested, what people eat, what they do daily. Too often, he said, another country or people is "just a name on a map." Stephen J. Mondau, director of international education for Tacoma's public schools, said that Akintola made Nigeria and Africa more than that to Tacomans. "and after he left it continued to be more than that, for a much-improved curriculum library with maps and books is now available to teachers and students."

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edge among Africans that perhaps the best place to learn about Africa is the United States. This is true," he said, "because of the amazing amount of materials available in the libraries, which by far outstrip those available to us in Africa."

The tall African high school principal from Ilorin, Nigeria, talked to more than 5,000 youngsters ranging in age from 4 to 18 years during his assignment in Washington State. "The kind of things we do range from learning some African songs or an African game called 'Ayo' in Nigeria, or 'Awari' in Ivory Coast, in elementary schools, to more serious subjects as the history of black people, the economic potential of Africa, and world problems in high schools."

His first few months in Tacoma were spent working on resource materials and ordering books and maps about Africa that the school district did not have. As word of his presence in Tacoma grew—by a television newscast, an interview with the local paper, and a few early appearances before groups—the African educator soon found himself moving rapidly around Tacoma's landscape talking about Africa to anyone, of any age, who was in-

terested. In addition to kindergarten, elementary, and junior and senior school classes, he talked to groups ranging from preschoolers in day care to university students, women's mates in a women's prison, churches, and people and organizations in the black community.

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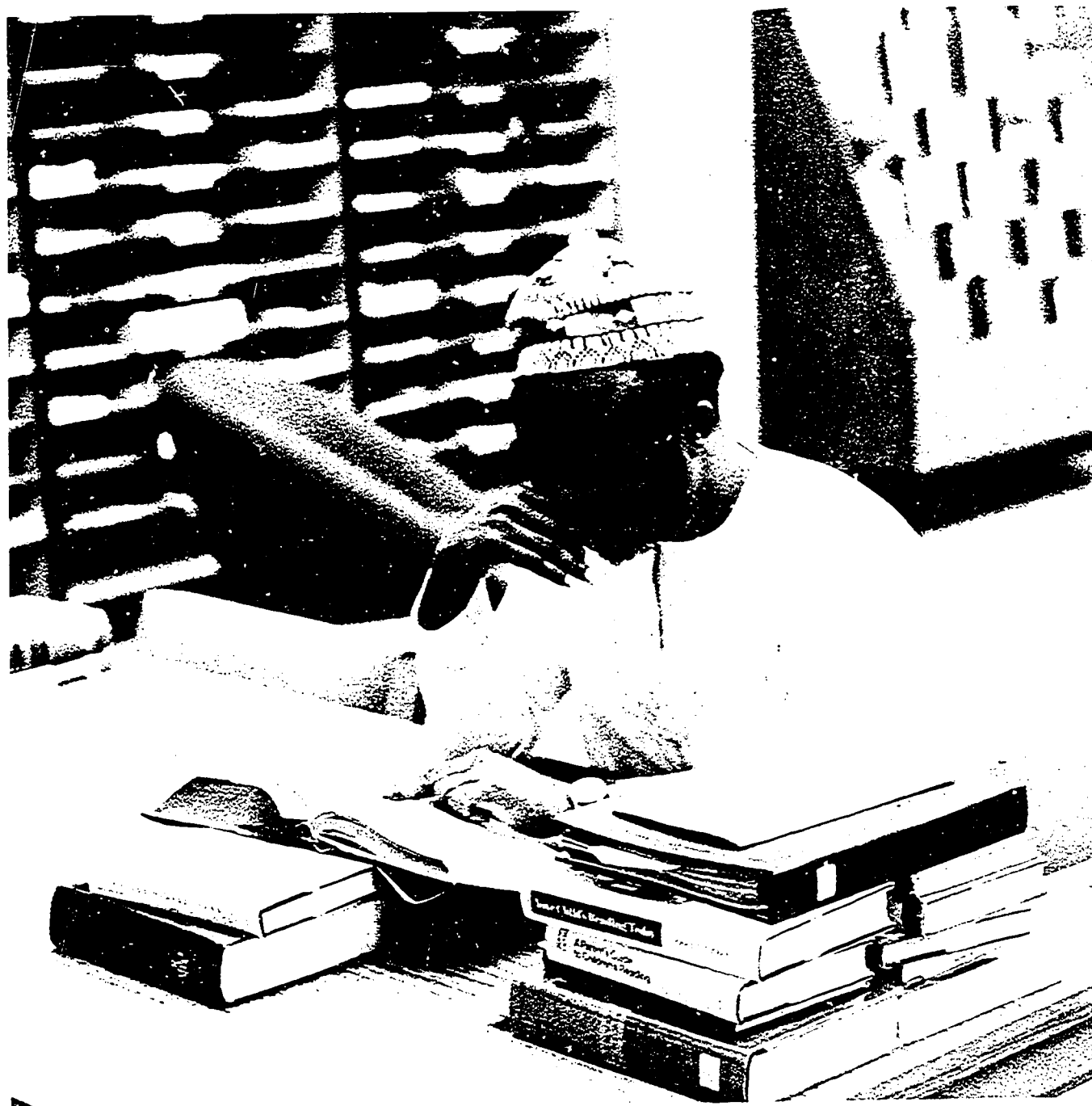
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in the letters that followed. These are extracts from letters written by 4th-graders:

I think Nigeria is fun. I did not know you had TV down there. I wish I could live down there.

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How come you don't have very many elephants?

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I learned that department stores and super markets are very much like ours.

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I learned that you have doctors and dentists like we do.

Like other foreign curriculum consultants, Akintola was disturbed by stereotyped images of Africa. "I seriously question the educational and entertainment value of such movies as 'Tarzan', 'Daktari', and 'Jambo Jambo'," he said. "At best, they are misleading; at worst, inimical to 'black pride' and a drag on the spirit of integration. Many people," he continued, "still think Africa is a 'country' peopled by a half-naked white man named Tarzan forever being chased around by savage natives. It is for this reason that I question the social and educational value of such movies."

Akintola spent a great deal of time with Tacoma's black community, "perhaps my greatest area of success." Also, he was

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His assignment to Tacoma was neither accidental nor inappropriate. Within the Tacoma school system there is a small community of teachers and administrators who have spent several years as visiting teachers and administrators at the American International School at Lagos, Nigeria. One of them is Stephen Mondau, who coordinated Akintola's activities. Akintola used this group's collection of slides and artifacts to supplement his classroom presentations. In his hands, the educational value of the collection was enhanced immeasurably.

It was also intended that Akintola's role as a curriculum consultant to the Tacoma public schools would not cease when he returned to Nigeria. Accordingly, the school district applied for a grant under a provision of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which, if awarded, would provide a variety of learning materials to place in each of the 10 district junior high schools to complement the study of African history and culture. These materials would be used not only to foster a better self-image on the part of the black student regarding his long ethnic history, but also to encourage a much greater respect by whites for the black American whose long history, in Mondau's opinion,

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"Mr. Akintola was receptive to the needs of the Afro-American students in the Tacoma school system and was willing to go out of his way to help implement those needs," said Dr. Chiotti, director of a CRA title VI civil rights project. His presence in Tacoma worked in perfectly with the stated aim of the Tacoma public schools

to "provide a quality multiracial education for all students." According to Mondau, it is vital that once a multiracial school population has been achieved, all the students within that school have equal opportunity to develop respect for their own heritage and cultural contributions to mankind. "It is in this capacity that Akintola served most effectively," Mondau concluded. "David Akintola will be remembered for a long time in Tacoma. But more importantly, the bridge between Tacoma and Africa has become much shorter."

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Her "Bag" Is Empathy

New York State

Thousands of New York State high school and elementary school students will have a better understanding of Latin American culture, history, and current affairs because of Yolanda Loli. Miss Loli, a teacher from Lima, Peru, worked with the New York State Education Department in its 5th year of participation in the Office of Education's Foreign Curriculum Consultant Program.

Previous consultants had come to New York from India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Nigeria, and Yugoslavia. Like Miss Loli, they were attached to the Center for International Programs and Comparative Studies, which has six educators working full time on the task of providing resources and opportunities for teachers and students to study cultures other than our own.

Miss Loli spent 9 months informing American students and teachers about life in Latin America, especially Peru. Her assignment was divided into three parts:

—Reviewing courses of study on Latin America used in schools in New York State, particularly in grades 5 and 12 in the social studies curriculum.

—Conducting workshops for teachers

to acquaint them with current bibliographical and audiovisual resources.

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Since the study of Latin American peoples is required at the 5th-grade level in social studies classes, Miss Loli was frequently greeted with open arms by teachers who sought respite from the textbook instruction. She visited schools in about 15 different school districts, urban and rural, spending from 1 to 3 weeks in each district.

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In 5th-grade classes, where the study of topography of mountain ranges is required, Miss Loli pointed out how living conditions at different elevations determines people's way of life the same way, whether the mountains are the Rockies or the Andes. Mountains have common problems and conditions to solve them. Songs and food of making a living are remarkable in Peru regardless of the language spoken or nationality. Referring to her work

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shopping bag, Miss Loli says that it is full of objects that help her explain the history and folklore of her own country. "Everything in my bag has an educational purpose. I don't carry objects just because they are strange or are a novelty."

She described her 2-week stay at Glens Falls as typical of some of the work she did. She began her visit with a series of exploratory talks with teachers and principals to discuss programs on Latin America already underway and to find out what was expected of her, so that her work would supplement, not supplant, their own work.

Glens Falls, in northeastern New York, has about 6,000 pupils in five elementary schools, one junior high school, and one senior high school. The district has no Spanish-language program, so Miss Loli's efforts were concentrated in social studies, music, art, and physical education. She divided her time so that she would be able to spend at least 1 full day in each school, meeting for an entire period with each secondary school class. "When I came into a class," she explained, "I had in mind specific material I wanted to cover. However, I let the discussion be guided by the interest and questions of the class. Usually

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She described a miniature devil's mask she carries which dates back to the early 16th century when the Spaniards first came to Peru. The mask was made by the Incas and Miss Loli uses it as an introduction to an account of the experiences of the Incas during the early period of Spanish colonial rule. Also in the bag is a collection of musical instruments, many of which are still used in the hills of Peru. Occasionally she wore a modern Peruvian dress showing the clear mixture of the Inca and Spanish culture in her country. "During the Inca period, people wore simple tunics of only one color. They did not wear feathers and ornaments as most people believe. When the Spaniards came, however, with their brightly colored clothes and ornaments, the Incas adopted this style of dress." The dress consists of two parts—an outer tunic of one color styled after the Incas, and a wide, colorful, hand-embroidered skirt worn under the tunic. And so the blending of cultures is a concept that is made graphic to the students.

She always traveled with a set of slides on various aspects of life in Peru. These helped her illustrate differences in the three distinct areas of the country—the mountains, the coastal area, and the lowlands. "Most Americans," she noted, "think only in terms of the mountains when they think of Peru."

At Glens Falls High School Miss Loli's program centered on group discussions. Students had dozens of questions, some of them difficult: How do you explain Peru's policy of claiming sovereignty over 200 miles out to sea, whereas most other nations claim a 9- or a 12-mile limit? How is the Government of Peru different today from what it was in the past? What do Peruvians think of the United States?

In schools that offer a Spanish language program, her approach was geared to the language classes. She conducted some of the regular language instruction and would attempt to give some of her other presentations entirely in Spanish. "In this way," she said, "I could introduce the students to new phrases and the language as it is really used. In many cases there is a big difference between the way the language is taught in a classroom and the way it is actually spoken."

Miss Loli, who has a master of arts degree from George Peabody College in Tennessee, has also visited schools in Switzerland, England, and many parts of Latin America. Turning to her impressions of the curriculum in United States schools, she pointed out that social studies teaching is almost exclusively oriented toward West European history and culture, with major emphasis on England, France, and Germany and how these nations interacted with the North American continent. In a typical elementary and secondary school sequence, this area of the world is studied

again and again. Only in the past few years has any effort been made to teach about non-West European peoples, in the study of the cultures of Asians, Africans, and Latin Americans. This is a major deficiency, Miss Loli asserted, and she expressed her pleasure over the leadership role that New York State is playing in support from the Office of Education in broadening the curriculum to include these cultures.

As an example of this effort, she pointed to a recent publication, *Materials on Latin America for Use at the Secondary School Level*, published by the Center for International Programs and Comparative Studies, and to the support from the State's Bureau of Secondary Education, which is developing teaching materials and "simulations" for teaching about Latin America.

Working with students and teachers, but one phase of her work for the New York State Education Department, Miss Loli spent much time reading American books on Central and South American affairs and discussing them in teacher workshops. She was surprised to discover that so many of the textbooks and other books in use reflected a Eurocentric point of view, ignoring the Peruvian and Inca perspectives. "Many of the books are outdated and do not include recent historical interpretations and archaeological evidence."

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Working with students and teachers was but one phase of her work for the New York State Education Department. In addition, Miss Loli spent much time reading American books on Central and South American affairs and discussing them in teacher workshops. She was surprised to discover that so many of the textbooks and other books in use reflected the Spanish point of view, ignoring the Peruvian or Inca perspectives. "Many of these books are outdated and do not include current historical interpretations and recent archeological evidence."

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mandatory at the 5th-grade level and, at local option, can be taught as an elective course in the 12th grade, Miss Loli contended that topics relating to life in Latin America can be infused at all grade levels, if teachers have sufficient information available to them. It is in this area of instruction that department chairmen, school principals, and school librarians can have great impact, in her opinion.

Overall, Miss Loli considered her stay in New York State successful despite—and she said this with a quick smile and a sparkle in her eye—some frustrations. Students in New York classrooms “have been openminded, ready to discuss anything, and their questions are sincere. They go right to the heart of the matter, even in the elementary grades. Peruvians tend to think of classes in the United States as a bit disorganized and undisciplined, but they are not. The teacher’s plan may not be evident at first, but there usually is one and it works well! I discovered that, all in all, my problems were less with students than with adults.

“A number of teachers and administrators saw no need to broaden the world outlook of students,” she lamented. “Some knew nothing about Peru and saw no need to study so small a country. Latin America, gaiety and, paradoxically, an area of interest to some adults, is a place of fiesta and

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stability, revolution, and grinding poverty. I hope my visit here helped destroy these stereotypes.

“It is true that our background is different. Peruvian parents are more strict and our society is not as teen-oriented as it is here. Americans generally feel too self-sufficient. They don’t feel the need to learn about other countries.” She contrasted this with Peru, which is not as highly developed industrially and must, therefore, depend more on other countries. “Even high school students who don’t read English very well buy paperback books written in the United States about the United States.” She believes that Peruvians have a much greater awareness of the United States than North Americans have of Peru or of Latin America. This is, of course, one of the deficiencies she tried to overcome during her stay here.

Asked what she regarded as the most important aspect of her stay in New York, Miss Loli had a ready answer. “I hope that in places I have been, students and teachers have seen that maps, graphs, and statistics are useful only up to a point and that we, as human beings, and as residents of the New World, have much in common. We share similar problems; violence, poverty, and disease have no national boundaries, and neither do understanding, empathy, and love.”

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Dear Mulu: . . . Why does your country have an Emperor?

Dear Mr. Eteffa: . . . "Tenaystiliyn." Is that the right way to greet people in Addis Ababa? . . .

Letters, literally hundreds of them, from elementary and secondary students, arrived daily at Wayne County Intermediate School District office where Mulugeta Eteffa, foreign curriculum consultant, had his home base.

"Mulu," the short form requested by Mr. Eteffa, was constantly on the go in Wayne County's 625-square-mile metropolitan area and barely had time to answer his voluminous correspondence.

Robert Wall, school-community consultant for the Wayne County Intermediate School District, reported that Wayne County's 963 schools and 695,508 elementary

and secondary students gave Mulu unlimited opportunities for student contact. Twenty-five thousand teachers and administrators awaited his advice on how to build a study unit on African history, on how to assemble and convey information on the culture of Ethiopia, and on the best way to teach a foreign language like Amharic.

Mulu's territory in Wayne County is well marked by four predecessors; Wayne County schools have benefited from the Foreign Curriculum Consultant Program since 1967.

Early in September 1970, Mulu was introduced to as many of Wayne County's 37 local school districts as possible. He went to local districts with his American colleagues, appeared at district meetings, and was featured in district news releases and special notices. These introductory actions immediately led to firm arrangements for visits with the staff of a local school district, talks to students, and appearances before a civic organization.

Mulu's schedule quickly filled. A month-to-6-weeks' wait for his consultant services soon became the rule rather than the exception.

Conquering the intricacies of Detroit traffic was not a trivial first accomplishment for the affable consultant in Addis Ababa. Driving a 1962 Oldsmobile, Mulu mastered the city streets and the grid of Wayne County as well as the habits of Detroiters who have lived there for generations.

Outlines, supplementary books, a tape recorder, a homemade musical instrument, a slide projector crowded every inch of space in his ubiquitous 1962 Chevy, Mulu's mobile resource, which was always ready for any educational request he might encounter in Wayne County's 37 local districts.

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He gets right down on the floor with the 3d-graders to demonstrate how an Ethiopian instrument, the krar, is played. His eyes dance excitedly. He smiles, bends forward, ever alert to each question. He knows that interest has been sparked. The process is called learning. He prolongs it.

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Reluctantly, many of the 3d-graders hang back, tugging at Mulu's suitcoat. "Do they have football teams in Africa?" "Is that really goatskin on the krar?" "Who is the president of your country?"

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—No one language can be taught. A great variety of languages are spoken.

—Wild animals are not roaming all over the continent.

—Physical features of the continent are not only from country to country but even within a country like Ethiopia.

—Africans are not heathen. They have a rich religion. The Coptic Church dates back to the fourth century.

The verbal exchange continues until the principal calls a halt to the session.

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A few of the books are at the Wayne County Intermediate School District professional resource center. Other material can be ordered. He mentions that his slides will also be available for general use after his departure in June.

One of the teachers would like Mulu to come back in a couple of weeks to do a demonstration lesson on African languages. Will his schedule permit such an assignment? A fast huddle. Yes, he can make it.

A second teacher reminds him they have only 5 minutes until the African studies class meets. He quickly confers with the department supervisor; the two arrange for Mulu to meet the other members of the department at a later date.

Thirty high school students listen politely to Mulu's 10-minute introductory lecture. He puts the chalk down, moves away from the map of Africa where he has been pointing out the various physical features of Ethiopia, and announces he is ready for questions.

They start coming again. Not in the torrent he confronts from elementary students; just a steady stream. More sophisticated. Secondary students want to know about Ethiopia's political framework. Does

your country have a congress? Yes, it's called *Parlama*. There is a House of Representatives and Senate.

Hands soon fill the air, each straining for immediate recognition. "What is the Coptic Church?" "What are the most popular foods?" "What type of clothes do most Ethiopians wear?" "Is there a generation gap in Africa?"

Mulu fields the questions adroitly. He discusses the Coptic Bible, pointing out that it is written in Geez, the official language of the church.

The food? He talks as he commences to cook some. *Injera* is a lot like pizza dough. *Wat* is like beef stew and is eaten by dipping the *injera* and rolling it in the *wat*. The class listens and watches intently as he prepares a typical Ethiopian meal. Food and teenagers—a sure-fire combination. "Right on," their expressions say.

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From clothes, the class discussion shifts to climate. Ethiopia's proximity to the Equator, he begins, not only governs the style of dress, but also the measurement of time. In Ethiopia, 7 a.m. is really 1 a.m. Time follows the sun. Sunset at 6 p.m. is really 12 midnight. Seven p.m. starts the

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the parents let him slip away, back to his Detroit apartment to prepare for another day of transforming strangers into friends.

The impact of Mulu's peripatetic presence in Wayne County was clearly discernible.

- We are so happy we were able to videotape Mr. Eteffa's remarks. We will be using them as we consider rewriting our social studies syllabus. (Riverview's elementary principal Haywood)
- I'm writing a letter today to the Intermediate District Board in the hopes that the Foreign Curriculum Consultant service to our district will be continued on a permanent basis. (Superintendent Fort of the Inkster School District)
- We had Mulu out for a Kiwanis meeting the other night. The members kept him answering questions for over an hour. No one left during the program. You know how he impressed us when our gang stays for the whole program. (Board president Cari Morris)
- Our Saturday program at the Children's Museum in Detroit was a huge success and your Mr. Eteffa did a wonderful job of informing everyone about Africa. He was superb.

"Mr. Mulugeta Eteffa only scratched the surface, when one considers the overwhelming size of a metropolitan area such as Detroit and Wayne County," said Mr. Wall, "but it's safe to say that in his brief 9-months' tour of duty he has worked with more teachers and administrators, talked with more teachers and administrators, talked with more students, appeared before more PTA's and eaten more cold mashed potatoes at civic clubs than most educators do in a 3-year period."

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A New Dimension A Nice European Touch

Great Lakes College Association

When Nikola Koljevic first came to the United States in September 1970, he set out to see if America was as he thought it would be. His first excursion, to New York City's Central Park, gave him quite a surprise. He heard, then saw, a Yugoslav folk dance. Perhaps Americans knew all about his native Yugoslavia. Nine months later he looked back on the incident with amusement. During the interim he had made substantial contributions to American knowledge and study of Yugoslavia and East Europe.

Those contributions varied from the translation of a Yugoslav play, which won honors for the Hope College theater department, to teaching a class in Yugoslav literature, lecturing, and advising the GLCA's schools on Yugoslavia and their area studies programs; for Dr. Koljevic, assistant professor of English and comparative literature on the faculty of philosophy at the University of Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, spent the 1970-71 academic year as curriculum consultant in Yugoslav and East European studies to the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA).

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Dr. Koljevic also spent a great deal of time in the enrichment of existing courses and programs. He traveled to each of the 11 other GLCA schools at least once for periods ranging from 3 days to a week. At each school, he reviewed the library's holdings in Balkan Area studies, met with faculty members who were planning to be in Yugoslavia during the coming summer (under another program supported by the Office of Education), and spoke to innumerable classes in disciplines ranging from political science and economics to literature and the Serbo-Croatian language.

Dr. Koljevic's program at other GLCA schools was arranged by Mrs. Donald Scarlett, manager of the Hope College office of international education, with the wholehearted backing of Irwin Abrams, coordinator of international programs for the GLCA and professor of history at Antioch College. Abrams, who has directed American-Yugoslav seminars for the GLCA since 1965, teaches a course on 20th-century Yugoslavia at Antioch College. During his visit to that school Dr. Koljevic lectured on Yugoslav literature and discussed materials and methods used in the teaching of Serbo-Croatian language courses offered at Hope, Antioch, and Oberlin.

Each time he lectured, Dr. Koljevic related his country's contributions to, or experience in, the subject being discussed. At Wooster he spoke to an "Artist in Literature" class and was able to cite a large body of Yugoslav literature dealing with craftsmen and artists. At DePauw, he and students who had been to Yugoslavia provided new insights for an issue-oriented class on minority groups, since Yugoslavia, too, is the home of numerous nationalities and religions. A class in urban development at Wabash College invited him, along with faculty members who had attended the GLCA summer seminar in Yugoslavia in 1970, to discuss modernization and urban problems in Yugoslavia where, says Dr. Koljevic, "Urban growth

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During the fall term Dr. Koljevic spent many hours with Michael Petrov, Hope College history faculty member, on a comprehensive proposal for an exchange program between GLCA members and Sarajevian universities. Petrov, who teaches courses on Eastern European history, has a leading role in Balkan studies in the GLCA, went to Yugoslavia in the spring of 1971 to collect material for his doctoral dissertation. He helped with preparatory work on parts of the proposal he had developed. It is expected that joint activity will lead to the development of an American summer session at the University of Sarajevo.

"The U.S. Government is playing an important role," says Dr. Koljevic, "in getting people of common interests from different countries together. At Hope College and Dr. Koljevic's leadership, the relationship is going well. In the summer program at Sarajevo, we are considering an expansion."

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many hours with Michael Petrovich of the
Hope College history faculty in developing
a comprehensive proposal for the expan-
sion of the exchange program between
GLCA members and Sarajevo and Yugo-
slavia universities. Petrovich, who teaches
courses on Eastern Europe at Hope and
has a leading role in Balkan Area studies
in the GLCA, went to Yugoslavia during
the spring of 1971 to complete research
for his doctoral dissertation. Concurrently,
he helped with preparations to implement
parts of the proposal he and Dr. Koljevic
had developed. It is expected that their
joint activity will lead to the establishment
of an American summer study program at
the University of Sarajevo in the near fu-
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"The U.S. Government has played an
important role," says Dr. Koljevic, "in
getting people of common interests from
different countries together." Both Hope
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The GLCA summer faculty seminar in Yugoslavia last year, supported by the Office of Education, set the groundwork for one of Dr. Koljevic's largest contributions to Hope's extracurricular activities this year. Two of the participants in the seminar were theater department faculty members, Donald Finn and John Tammi. A third Hope faculty member, Harrison Ryker of the music department, brought back original musical scores which were played by the Hope Symphonette this year.

While in Yugoslavia, Finn and Tammi obtained the prize-winning play *Hallelujah*, part of a trilogy of plays by Djordje Lebovich with settings before, during, and after World War II in Yugoslavia. Shortly after his arrival at Hope last fall, and before his travel schedule and teaching duties began, Dr. Koljevic translated the play into English. He had met Finn and Tammi in Yugoslavia last summer. His contributions to the Hope College production of *Hallelujah* didn't end with the translation, though. He helped director Tammi throughout the production. It gave Dr. Koljevic extensive opportunity to talk and work with American students. "I found them great to work with—open to a completely new type of human experience."

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In all his contacts with Americans—students and faculty members, in classes and outside—Dr. Koljevic "tried to relate Yugoslav culture to the American background." But the 35-year-old professor also noted, "There are significant differences, too. Yugoslavia is a new, socialistic country, but it has a long past and its people have a sense of history. Americans just don't want to deal with the past. They say 'back in the fifties and sixties' as though the past isn't a part of the present."

The reaction from Hope and the GLCA schools indicates that Dr. Koljevic did an excellent job of overcoming and explaining the differences.

Dr. Koljevic and his family left Michigan in June 1971, returning to the University of Sarajevo with a vast store of new contributions to make to his comparative literature courses and to the school's fledgling American studies program. His wife, Milica, resumed her work as a secondary school teacher of history and Serbo-Croatian, with hopes of encouraging the development of a Yugoslav version of America's popular children's television show, *Sesame Street*.

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Her attire colorful, her smile warm, her dignity and poise never failing to impress, personable, knowledgeable, gracious, and bright, Madia Elbertha Garnett-Knott of Liberia changed many conceptions of modern Africa. She spent 9 months in New Haven, Conn., as a curriculum consultant to the city's public school system, working with both teachers and students in all grade levels. Her husband Arnold, music department chairman in the same Liberian high school where she heads African studies, shared the entirety of her experience in New England, assuming a considerable range of activity relating to his wife's work. And together they were, in the words of Albert A. Seretny, supervisor of social studies in the New Haven public school system, "the best thing that ever hit this town."

Seretny's appraisal seems well-founded, even though the full impact of the Knotts' work may not be observable for some time. Curriculum reform is not an easy process. Change takes time and requires focus as desired redirection is effected. In less than a year, the Knotts helped define that focus for New Haven public schools.

New Haven's schools had offered programs dealing with aspects of black culture or history for many years, but the quality

of the offerings was questioned for about as long as they existed. Seretny, who became supervisor of social studies a few years ago, had always been particularly concerned with the "haphazard" treatment of black studies in the existing curriculum. "Up until the time the Knotts arrived," he says, "our black studies program was worthless; it was a spur-of-the-moment patchwork quilt."

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Hopeful expectations among administrators and teachers accompanied the Knotts' arrival in New Haven. Arnold's appearance proved to be a boon for the school system. Indeed, as well as many other people, he realized that "New Haven got two for the price of one." Arnold joked the reason for joining his wife on this mission was "In Liberia, a wife can't leave the country without her husband's signature on her passport, so there really wasn't any question whether I'd be coming or not."

The demanding schedule demanded by Mrs. Knott left room for displaying her learning and talents her husband offered, and enthusiastically did. Visits to classrooms; seminars; workshops with teachers were arranged; meetings with the PTA were set up; exhibits of African art forms were established for display in the school. Time was put aside for weekly visits to schools as well as for frequent appearances at seminars at local State Teachers College.

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Mr. Knott joyfully recalled the youngster who asked him if he had to kill a lion to get a wife. "When we first went into the classroom," adds Mrs. Knott, "children—both white and black—didn't know what to expect; all they knew is that 'Africans' were coming. 'Are there policemen in Africa?' one would ask, and another would say 'Are there cars?'"

The Knotts felt particularly close to New Haven and were surprised that few people they encountered in classrooms or at teachers' meetings were aware of the historical links between Liberia and the visitors' host community. "The majority of black people here knew little about their tie to Liberia—which should have been a source of pride," Madia observed. "Citizens of New Haven played major roles in the settling of both Liberia and Sierra Leone."

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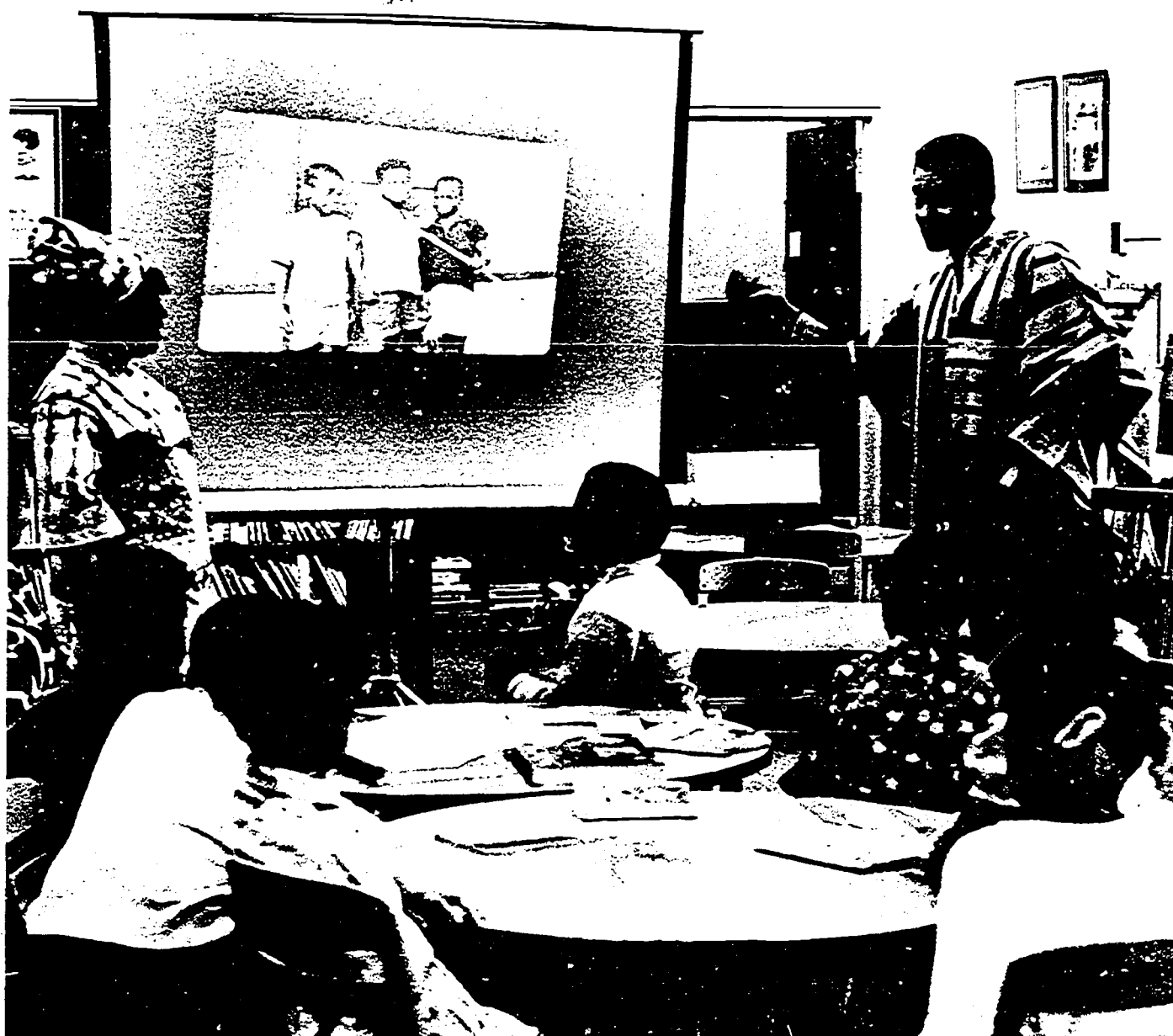
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of New Haven's elementary schools, West Hill, the center became a repository, drawn upon by teachers and students, of fresh, accurate materials about Africa, including books, posters, recordings, musical instruments, and artifacts. The center will provide tangible and lasting testimony to the Knotts' work in New Haven; less visible but more important will be the revised curriculum which has begun to emerge in the schools.

Sharing the view of other educators, Mrs. Knott asserts that black studies, to be taught effectively, must not be offered as a separate subject divorced from the rest of the curriculum. This approach, in her opinion, only encourages superficiality and emphasizes the novelty of the subject matter instead of its comparisons and contrasts with other cultures. "Black studies must be integrated into the curriculum; it belongs there," said Mrs. Knott, pointing to a successful program she had observed in suburban Branford, Conn., where black studies is taught as a regular part of the curriculum.

Also important in the development of a successful curriculum is the consideration of black studies as an interdisciplinary cultural subject. "Cultural studies is the only approach to social studies," says Seretny. Arnold concurred: "It's impossible to teach about Africa without considering music." "You can't understand African culture without studying art and music; they're

part of everyday life," added Madia.

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Curriculum reform requires commitment to change among teachers. The Knotts made their greatest impact by helping to generate this commitment, as illustrated by a 6th-grade teacher in a predominantly black elementary school: "Before, we were ashamed about our past, but now we are trying to reassert our heritage in a constructive way. Yet until you, yourself—as a teacher—are straightened out about Africa, it's difficult to be convincing to your students. By working with the Knotts

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This particular teacher volunteered weekly meetings with other teachers in her school for the express purpose of revising curriculum outlines. At these meetings, she suggested significant changes in assignments and recommended alterations in topical emphasis. The merits of the new approaches debated, the teachers eagerly sought out the Knotts' viewpoints, which had the most impact. Commented the same teacher: "I was convinced of the necessity for changing stereotypes first and then understanding the historical approach in considering particular African culture."

A sharper desire among teachers for information about Liberia furnished additional evidence of the immense personal impact the Knotts had among their colleagues. Maida concluded that Madia's and Arnold's "contribution" came from their personal relationships with Americans. The Knotts educated the people about the need to live with African culture to really understand it. The Knotts of New Haven teachers carefully planned a trip to Liberia for the coming year, financed through a combination of school support and public funds, augmented by the personal contributions of parents.

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The Knotts' influence on New Haven teachers was matched by their popularity with students of all ages. "Because they

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have so much vitality and personality," comments Seretny, "they are able to get kids really participating in class. Their impact on students has been terrific. You couldn't get them out of some schools." A 6th-grade teacher reports that a 12-year-old girl "came alive" for the first time ever during a class the Knotts conducted. "She was so excited—couldn't stop asking them questions."

Student response to the Knotts' appearances took other forms as well. At Lee High School, a group of students asked the Knotts to help organize an African cultural club, and that club became an active and thriving extracurricular organization. At the Shiloh Baptist Church, the combined enthusiasm of chorus singers and Mr. Knott led to the birth of an African choir.

But in the final analysis, Madia and Arnold Knott left more to New Haven than their visible achievement, numerous as these may be. "The Knotts have provided a catalyst for change," according to Mastain. "They are well known in town and through them we developed contacts in Liberia." So the value of the Knotts did not end when they left New Haven in June 1971. "The human qualities which Madia and Arnold so richly exemplify will leave a lasting impression on all the people who have had the opportunity to know them," Mastain remarked. "Liberia will no longer be a country somewhere in Africa, but rather the home of the Knotts."

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Appendix A

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Ivory Coast	1	10,953
Kenya	1	12,385
Liberia	1	11,373
Nigeria	10	127,028
Sierra Leone	2	20,119
Uganda	1	13,481
Upper Volta	1	13,845
Zambia	1	12,355
Total Africa	19	\$ 233,591
Bolivia	6	67,985
Brazil	1	10,445
Chile	8	95,841
Colombia	14	161,720
Costa Rica	2	20,570
Mexico	9	98,957
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Trinidad & Tobago	1	9,857
Uruguay	2	25,870
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Indonesia	2	22,037
Japan	12	146,165
Republic of China	4	51,067
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Czechoslovakia	2	22,262
Denmark	1	13,410
Finland	1	8,926
France	21	224,099
Germany	4	48,742
Spain	2	24,455
Yugoslavia	3	34,712
Total Europe	34	\$ 376,606
India	16	202,187
Jordan	2	25,072
United Arab Republic	3	39,315
Total Near East and South Asia	21	\$ 266,575
GRAND TOTAL	141	\$1,656,375

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State	Number of awards per state
Alabama	—
Alaska	1
Arizona	—
Arkansas	—
California	2
Colorado	6
Connecticut	3
Delaware	2
District of Columbia	2
Florida	—
Georgia	2
Hawaii	1
Idaho	—
Illinois	1
Indiana	4
Iowa	1
Kansas	1
Kentucky	3
Louisiana	3
Maine	—
Maryland	2
Massachusetts	2
Michigan	11
Minnesota	4
Mississippi	—
Missouri	2
Montana	4
Nebraska	1
Nevada	—
New Hampshire	3
New Jersey	1
New Mexico	1
New York	17
North Carolina	3
North Dakota	—
Ohio	6
Oklahoma	2
Oregon	4
Pennsylvania	12
Rhode Island	—
South Carolina	—
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Utah	2
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Total Near East and South Asia	21	\$ 266,575
GRAND TOTAL	141	\$1,656,375

Appendix B

Number of foreign curriculum consultants and amount of OE financial assistance, by recipient State:
Fiscal years 1964-70

State	Number of awards per state	Total financial assistance
Alabama	—	\$ —
Alaska	1	10,790
Arizona	—	—
Arkansas	—	—
California	2	23,713
Colorado	6	71,764
Connecticut	3	39,625
Delaware	2	21,970
District of Columbia	2	25,223
Florida	—	—
Georgia	2	19,510
Hawaii	1	12,146
Idaho	—	—
Illinois	1	12,330
Indiana	4	45,240
Iowa	1	11,241
Kansas	1	11,956
Kentucky	3	37,240
Louisiana	3	34,925
Maine	—	—
Maryland	2	23,131
Massachusetts	2	19,487
Michigan	11	130,820
Minnesota	4	50,141
Mississippi	—	—
Missouri	2	25,636
Montana	4	45,711
Nebraska	1	12,860
Nevada	—	—
New Hampshire	3	36,591
New Jersey	1	13,081
New Mexico	1	13,570
New York	17	198,464
North Carolina	3	34,340
North Dakota	—	—
Ohio	6	74,056
Oklahoma	2	24,955
Oregon	4	52,241
Pennsylvania	12	139,331
Rhode Island	—	—
South Carolina	—	—
South Dakota	—	—
Tennessee	6	70,020
Texas	6	61,193
Utah	2	24,685
Vermont	1	11,035
Virginia	6	72,366
Washington	6	68,650
West Virginia	4	44,657
Wisconsin	3	31,681
Wyoming	—	—
TOTAL	141	\$1,656,375

Appendix C

Sponsoring institutions, by State, with foreign curriculum consultant,
country of origin, and academic year as of May 31, 1971

State	Sponsoring institution	Consultant	Country of origin	Academic year
Alaska	1. SDE, Juneau	PALACIOS, Dr. Fernando	Mexico	1967-68
California	1. San Bernardino County Schools	IMAM, Mr. Asani A.	Nigeria	1970-71
	2. Univ. of Calif., L.A.	SARA, Mr. Milan	Czechoslovakia	1969-70
Colorado	1. SDE, Denver	AMEZQUITA, Miss Leonor	Colombia	1964-65
	2. SDE, Denver	WINTHER, Mr. Jens	Denmark	1969-70
	3. Temple Buell College, Denver	YAJNIK, Mr. Kishorkant	India	1967-68
	4. Temple Buell College	TAKAHASHI, Mr. Yoshiya	Japan	1968-69
	5. Temple Buell College	YU, Mr. Kwang-chung	Republic of China	1969-70
	6. Temple Buell College	YU, Mr. Kwang-chung	Republic of China	1970-71
Connecticut	1. New Haven Board of Education	KNOTT, Mrs. Madia Garnett	Liberia	1970-71
	2. Norwalk Public Schools	DURAIWAMY, Mr. Muthukrishnan	India	1965-66
	3. Norwalk Public Schools	MIYAUCHI, Mr. Takashi	Japan	1969-70
Delaware	1. SDE, Dover	NAVARRO, Mr. Hernan	Colombia	1966-67
	2. Univ. of Delaware, Dover	VINCENT, Mr. Andre	France	1967-68
District of Columbia	1. D.C. Public Schools	WICHAGONRAKUL, Miss Parnsri	Thailand	1965-66
	2. The Catholic Univ. of America	GARCIA-HOZ, Dr. Victor	Spain	1967-68
Georgia	1. SDE, Atlanta	HERRERA, Miss Nidia	Costa Rica	1964-65
	2. West Georgia College, Carrollton	BARBERO, Miss Livia	Bolivia	1967-68
Hawaii	1. Univ. of Hawaii, Honolulu	KANAYAMA, Mr. Nobuo	Japan	1969-70
Illinois	1. Monmouth College	SHINODA, Mr. Tokihiko	Japan	1967-68
Indiana	1. Anderson College, Anderson	KOCH, Dr. Roberto	Peru	1969-70
	2. Anderson College	AKIYAMA, Mr. Heigo	Japan	1970-71
	3. School City of Gary	SINGH, Dr. Ram Karan	India	1965-66
	4. Vincennes University, Vincennes	MANCEAU, Mr. Nicolas	France	1970-71
Iowa	1. Luther College, Decorah	VIVANCO, Mr. Hugo	Chile	1970-71
Kansas	1. Kansas State Univ., Manhattan	KRISHNAMURTI, Dr. Bhadriraju	India	1969-70
Kentucky	1. Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville	ARANIBAR, Mr. Oscar	Bolivia	1966-67
	2. Jefferson County Publ. Schools	ARANIBAR, Mr. Oscar	Bolivia	1967-68
	3. Georgetown College, Georgetown	ADEGBITE, Dr. Joseph A.	Nigeria	1967-68
Louisiana	1. Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston	RUCINQUE, Mr. Hector	Colombia	1967-68
	2. Louisiana Polytechnic Institute	RUCINQUE, Mr. Hector	Colombia	1968-69
	3. SDE, Baton Rouge	MALLET, Miss Yvette	France	1965-66
Maryland	1. Baltimore City Public Schools	ESPITIA, Miss Yolanda	Colombia	1964-65
	2. SDE, Baltimore	LERTORA, Mr. Luis H.	Peru	1969-70
Massachusetts	1. Hampshire College, Amherst	SEEPERSAD, Mr. Kenrick	Trinidad & Tobago	1970-71
	2. SDE, Boston	TESSIER, Miss Nicole	France	1965-66
Michigan	1. Detroit Public Schools	TOVAR, Mr. Leon	Colombia	1964-65
	2. Hope College, Holland	KOLJEVIC, Dr. Nikola	Yugoslavia	1970-71
	3. SDPI, Lansing	NAVARRO, Miss Amparo	Spain	1964-65
	4. SDPI, Lansing	HEUDIER, Miss Marie-Alice	France	1966-67
	5. Suomi College, Hancock	JARVENRANTA, Mr. Mikko	Finland	1970-71
	6. Wayne County Intermediate School District, Detroit	THIRTHA, Dr. N. Vedavyasa	India	1967-68
	7. Wayne County Intermediate School District	OLUYEMI, Chief Thomas D.	Nigeria	1968-69
	8. Wayne County Intermediate School District	KISOSONKOLE, Mrs. Pumla	Uganda	1969-70
	9. Wayne County Intermediate School District	SINSIRI, Mr. Vichitr	Thailand	1969-70
	10. Wayne County Intermediate School District	MULUGETA, Mr. Eteffa	Ethiopia	1970-71
	11. U. of Mich., Ann Arbor	AGESTHALINGOM, Dr. S.	India	1969-70

NOTE: SDE — State Department of Education
SDPI — State Department of Public Instruction

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State	Sponsoring institution	Consultant	Country of origin	Academic year
Minnesota	1. Augsburg College, Minneapolis	EDENER, Dr. Wilfried	Germany	1967-68
	2. Minneapolis Public Schools	TAKEMURA, Mr. Kenichi	Japan	1967-68
	3. Minneapolis Public Schools	MAYR, Mr. Eduard	Germany	1970-71
	4. SCE, St. Paul	SALAZAR, Mr. Jorge	Chile	1965-66
Missouri	1. Stephens College, Columbia	D'SOUZA, Mr. Anthony	India	1967-68
	2. Washington Univ., St. Louis	SUTISNA, Mr. Oteng	Indonesia	1969-70
Montana	1. Montana State U., Bozeman	CHANG, Mr. Frank F. K.	Republic of China	1969-70
	2. Montana State Univ.	NAGAI, Mr. Jiro	Japan	1970-71
	3. SDPI, Helena	GUZMAN, Mrs. G. Santos de	Bolivia	1966-67
	4. SDPI, Helena	VEGA, Miss Ruth H.	Bolivia	1967-68
Nebraska	1. SDE, Lincoln	ORTIZ, Mr. Severo	Colombia	1966-67
New Hampshire	1. SDE, Concord	HICKEL, Mr. Raymond	France	1964-65
	2. SDE, Concord	LAMBELIN, Miss Genevieve	France	1967-68
	3. SDE, Concord	GAIND, Mr. Dwarka N.	India	1969-70
New Jersey	1. Seton Hall University, South Orange	KANAYAMA, Mr. Katsuya	Japan	1969-70
New Mexico	1. SDE, Santa Fe	CESPEDES, Mr. Mario	Bolivia	1965-66
New York	1. Board of Cooperative Educational Services II, Westchester County	HYDE, Mr. Jonathan	Sierra Leone	1970-71
	2. Briarcliff College, Briarcliff Manor	ILBOUDO, Gilbert	Upper Volta	1968-69
	3. Ramapo Central School District #2, Spring Valley	MONROY, Mr. Alfredo	Mexico	1968-69
	4. Rochester City School District	AVILA, Mr. Ramiro	Chile	1965-66
	5. Rochester City School District	YANG, Mr. Edward C.	Republic of China	1968-69
	6. Rochester City School District	DAILLY, Mr. Christophe	Ivory Coast	1970-71
	7. SDE, Albany	KAPUR, Mr. Mahendra	India	1964-65
	8. SDE, Albany	WASI, Mrs. Muriel	India	1964-65
	9. SDE, Albany	IKADO, Mr. Fujio	Japan	1965-66
	10. SDE, Albany	JACOB, Mrs. Ayesha	India	1966-67
	11. SDE, Albany	JOHNSTON, Mrs. Rhoda O.	Nigeria	1967-68
	12. SDE, Albany	BUKHALA, Mr. James	Kenya	1968-69
	13. SDE, Albany	STANOJCIC, Dr. Zivojin S.	Yugoslavia	1969-70
	14. SDE, Albany	TJOKROWIRONO, Miss Soekati	Indonesia	1969-70
	15. SDE, Albany	OTHMAN, Mr. Ibrahim I.	Jordan	1969-70
	16. SDE, Albany	LOLI, Miss Yolanda	Peru	1970-71
	17. Syracuse Public Schools	LAMOT, Mrs. G.	France	1964-65
North Carolina	1. SDPI, Raleigh	VUKOVIC, Mrs. Yvonne	France	1964-65
	2. SDPI, Raleigh	LIRA, Mrs. Gabriela	Chile	1967-68
	3. Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	MONTES, Mr. Ramiro	Mexico	1967-68
Ohio	1. Akron Public Schools	FLORES, Mr. Armando	Mexico	1964-65
	2. Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea	RIZK, Dr. Hanna	United Arab Republic	1967-68
	3. Baldwin-Wallace College	RIZK, Dr. Hanna	United Arab Republic	1968-69
	4. Butler County Schools, Hamilton	VALAZZI, Mrs. Ivy	Chile	1964-65
	5. Wittenberg University, Springfield	KOSEN, Mr. Ryoichiro	Japan	1967-68
Oklahoma	6. Wittenberg University	DAJANI, Dr. Abdin M.	Jordan	1969-70
	1. University of Oklahoma, Norman	ECHEVERRIA, Dr. Rafael	Colombia	1966-67
	2. University of Oklahoma	ECHEVERRIA, Dr. Rafael	Colombia	1967-68
Oregon	1. Oregon College of Education, Monmouth	AGUAYO, Mr. Isaias	Chile	1967-68
	2. Salem Public Schools	RIVERA, Mr. Enrique	Mexico	1966-67
	3. SDE, Salem	RICCI, Mr. Julio	Uruguay	1964-65
	4. Portland State College	ABDOU, Mrs. Kamar H.	United Arab Republic	1969-70

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State	Sponsoring Institution	Consultant	Country of origin	Academic year
Pennsylvania	1. Beaver County Public Schools	NWOKORIE, Dr. Iheanacho	Nigeria	1966-67
	2. Bucks County Public Schools	YAJNIK, Dr. K. S.	India	1970-71
	3. Dickinson College, Carlisle	PRASAD, Dr. Narmadeshwar	India	1969-70
	4. East Stroudsburg State College	NWOKORIE, Dr. Iheanacho	Nigeria	1967-68
	5. East Stroudsburg State College	INOMATA, Mr. Koichi	Japan	1969-70
	6. Philadelphia Public Schools	ANTOINE, Miss Therese	France	1965-66
	7. Regional Council for International Education, Pittsburgh	M'TIMKULU, Dr. Donald G.S.	Zambia	1967-68
	8. Regional Council for International Education	BETANCUR, Mr. Jorge E.	Colombia	1968-69
	9. Regional Council for International Education	MANDIC, Dr. Petar D.	Yugoslavia	1969-70
	10. Regional Council for International Education	DABO, Mr. Sillaty	Sierra Leone	1970-71
Tennessee	11. SDPI, Harrisburg	ALGAZI, Mr. Salomon	Uruguay	1964-65
	12. SDPI, Harrisburg	GOMEZ, Miss Norhma	Colombia	1964-65
	1. Memphis State University	CALVO, Mr. Gilberto	Chile	1967-68
	2. Memphis State University	CALVO, Mr. Gilberto	Chile	1968-69
	3. Memphis State University	OBANDO, Dr. Jesus M.	Colombia	1969-70
	4. Memphis State University	ADEGBITE, Mrs. Adeola	Nigeria	1970-71
Texas	5. Nashville Davidson Co. Public Schools, Nashville	FLAUD, Miss Helene	France	1967-68
	6. SDE, Memphis	ROHIDEKAR, Mr. Shamaji R.	India	1968-69
	1. Houston Baptist College	ROZENBERG, Miss Helene	France	1970-71
	2. Inter-American Educational Center, San Antonio	FENELON, Miss Dea R.	Brazil	1968-69
	3. SDE, Austin	PAVARD, Miss Marie-Claire	France	1965-66
	4. SDE, Austin	WINDEMUTH, Mr. Edgar	Germany	1966-67
Utah	5. SDE, Austin	ORTEGA, Miss Maria	Mexico	1967-68
	6. SDE, Austin	HUNACEK, Dr. Vaclav	Czechoslovakia	1969-70
	1. SDPI, Salt Lake City	BOX, Mrs. Helia	Mexico	1965-66
	2. SDPI, Salt Lake City	ELSASS, Mr. Raymond	France	1967-68
	1. Trinity College, Burlington	SUPHANICH, Mrs. Prayong	Thailand	1970-71
	1. Alexandria City Schools	D'SOUZA, Mr. Anthony	India	1966-67
Virginia	2. Arlington County Public Schools	SAKAKIDA, Dr. Hisao	Japan	1967-68
	3. Arlington County Public Schools	MADUAKA, Miss Helen	Nigeria	1970-71
	4. Randolph-Macon Woman's College Exchange Program, Lynchburg	SHARMA, Dr. Krishna	India	1967-68
	5. SDE, Richmond	BERTON, Mr. Robert	France	1966-67
	6. Virginia Polytechnic Institute	DURON, Mr. Edmond	France	1968-69
	1. SDPI, Olympia	HERRERA, Miss Nidia	Costa Rica	1965-66
Washington	2. Seattle Public Schools	CASTRO-PLATA, Mr. Humberto	Colombia	1966-67
	3. Seattle Public Schools	CASTRO-PLATA, Mr. Humberto	Colombia	1967-68
	4. Spokane Public Schools	LONG, Miss Janine	France	1969-70
	5. Spokane Public Schools	DUBOIS, Mr. Guy	France	1970-71
	6. Tacoma Public Schools	AKINTOLA, Mr. David O.	Nigeria	1970-71
	1. Bethany College, Bethany	OJO, Dr. Gabriel J. A.	Nigeria	1968-69
West Virginia	2. SDE, Charleston	VERNET, Miss Marie-Jose	France	1965-66
	3. SDE, Charleston	NAVELET-NOUALHIER, Miss Monique	France	1967-68
	4. SDPI, Charleston	REYES, Mr. Roberto	Mexico	1970-71
	1. Milwaukee Public Schools	PALACIOS, Dr. Fernando	Mexico	1966-67
	2. SDPI, Madison	COTTENET-HAGE, Mrs. Madeleine	France	1966-67
	3. SDPI, Madison	BLIESENER, Dr. Ulrich	Germany	1969-70